



[Copy of Scobey's letter to Sugiyama (unsigned)]

May 6, 1943

**WAR DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY
Washington, D. C.**

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Dear Mr. Sugiyama:

Some time ago you wrote to me about the matter of employing Japanese Americans on the Engineer job in connection with the camouflage factory. You stated that production was hampered by the inability of the Engineers to get necessary truck drivers, etc. In my reply I stated that under the existing regulations it was not possible for the Engineers to employ Japanese Americans on this project, but I did state that the regulations were in the process of being revised.

For your information the regulations have now been revised and under the revision positions and jobs with Army installations are open to Japanese American citizens who have been cleared as to their loyalty in all locations except the prohibited areas of the Western Defense Command. This revision came out on May 3.

I have written the Engineers Department pointing out this revision with the suggestion that they further exploit the possibility of employing Japanese Americans on the jobs you suggested.

It occurs to me that this further restoration of rights to Japanese Americans should be conclusive proof that they have friends who are working for their interest and it should inspire them to greater service and loyalty to the United States.

Sincerely

s/ William P. Scobey

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